

Important dates for the 2003 election cycle for state legislators

Dates related to primary election

Qualifying for primary election

☺ Tuesday, August 19, 2003 (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.*)

☺ Wednesday, August 20, 2003 (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.*)

☺ Thursday, August 21, 2003 (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*)

* Your local Clerk of Court's office may operate extended office hours, however qualifying is required by law to close at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday

Last day for withdrawn candidate to receive a partial refund

☺ Thursday, August 28, 2003 (To receive a 50% refund of the qualifying fee.)

Close of voter registration rolls for primary election

☺ Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Campaign Finance: 30th day prior to primary reports due¹

☺ Thursday, September 4, 2003 (If annual report was filed, covers period from January 1, 2003 through August 25, 2003) (Note: If elected at the close of qualifying, this report is your final report for the election.)

Campaign Finance: Special (48 Hour) reports due

☺ For period beginning on Monday, September 15, 2003 through Saturday, October 4, 2003. Special (48 Hour) reports must be filed if a district office candidate receives over \$250 from any contributor or if such a candidate makes an expenditure over \$200 to any person who makes endorsements and who must file campaign finance disclosure reports. **Reports are due within 48 hours of the transaction.**

In person absentee voting period for primary election

☺ Begins Monday, September 22, 2003 (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday)

☺ Ends at noon on Saturday, September 27, 2003 (8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon)

Campaign Finance: 10th day prior to primary reports due

☺ Wednesday, September 24, 2003 (Covers period from August 26, 2003 through September 14, 2003)

Gubernatorial Primary Election

☺ Saturday, October 4, 2003 (Note: If elected at the primary election, the "10-G" report due on Nov. 5, 2003 is your final report for the election.)

Campaign Finance: Election day expenditure reports due

☺ Tuesday, October 14, 2003. All candidates who participated in the primary election on October 4, 2003, must file the post election report of election day expenditures, even if none were made. All expenditures made for campaign services performed on election day and advertising broadcast or published on election day must be reported.

¹For withdrawn & unopposed candidates, the final report for the election will be the next report due as of the date the candidate withdraws or learns that he is unopposed.

Dates related to the general election

Close of voter registration rolls for general election

C Wednesday, October 15, 2003

Campaign Finance: Special (48 Hour) reports due

C Beginning on Monday, October 27, 2003 through Saturday, November 15, 2003. Special (48 Hour) reports must be filed if a district office candidate receives over \$250 from any contributor or if such a candidate makes an expenditure over \$200 to any person who makes endorsements and who must file campaign finance disclosure reports. Reports are due within 48 hours of the transaction.

In person absentee voting period for general election

C Begins Monday, November 3, 2003 (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m Monday through Friday)

C Ends at noon on Saturday, November 8, 2003 (8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon)

Campaign Finance: 10th day prior to general reports due

C Wednesday, November 5, 2003 (Covers period from September 15, 2003 through October 26, 2003)

Gubernatorial General Election

C Saturday, November 15, 2003

Campaign Finance: Election Day Expenditure Reports Due

C Tuesday, November 25, 2003. All candidates who participated in the general election and who are required to file reports must file the post election report of election day expenditures, even if none were made. All expenditures made for campaign services performed on election day and advertising broadcast or published on election day must be reported.

Campaign Finance: 40th day after the general reports due

C Friday, December 26, 2003 (Covers period from October 27, 2003 through December 15, 2003)

Additional related dates

Inauguration Day

C Monday, January 12, 2004 (10:00 a.m.--legislators; Noon--statewide elected officials)

Campaign Finance: Supplemental and Annual reports due

C Tuesday, February 17, 2004, for each candidate who did not participate in the general election. (If elected at the close of qualifying--Covers period from August 26, 2003 through December 31, 2003; If elected at the primary election--Covers period from October 27, 2003 through December 31, 2003). For candidates who did participate in the general election, the first annual or supplemental report to be filed after the election is due on Tuesday, February 15, 2005. (Covers period from December 16, 2003 through December 31, 2004).

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